

REMARKS

The present application was filed contemporaneously with a Preliminary Amendment which requested addition to the present Specification of a section entitled Cross-Reference to Related Applications, which indicated that the present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/044,220. Further, the Preliminary Amendment requested the cancellation of claims 1-4 and 11-13, and thereby rendered the subsequent Restriction Requirement mailed 27 January 2004 moot. Applicants hereby respectfully request confirmation that the foregoing revisions to the present Specification have been entered.

The Preliminary Amendment also indicated that claims 5-10 were original claims as indicated by the "*Original*" parenthetical status identifier in the Claims Listing. As the Examiner correctly noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the indication of claims 5-10 as being "original" was erroneous. In fact, claims 5-10 as shown in the Claims Listing of the Preliminary Amendment were substantially amended claims. Per the telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned of 28 September 2004, Applicants have revised the Claims Listing submitted herewith to reflect that claims 5-10 are "*Canceled*" and to add claims 14-19 as "*New*".

In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefore.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in regard to this

5 Amendment and the above identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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